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NEW RECORDS FOR AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PACKS

Output of canned deciduous fruit in the two largest producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere is on a strong upward trend. Compared with the 1952-56 average, the combined 1966 Australian and South African peach pack has tripled, while the pear pack has increased more than twofold. However, the most striking increase occurred for mixed fruit with output in 1966 nearly nine times the 1952-56 average. During the same period, apricot production increased only 9 percent. In terms of the overall 1966 production, Australia's pack was 9,831,000 cases compared to South Africa's figure of 7,649,000. However, on an individual commodity basis, South Africa produced 60 percent of the apricot pack and 50 percent of the peach pack. For pears and mixed fruits, Australia accounted for 71 and 65 percent, respectively, of the total.

Exports from these two countries have shown similar upward trends for peaches, pears, and mixed fruits. As an exception to these general trends, shipments of apricots have fluctuated widely from year to year and at levels below the 1952-56 average. Total exports of the combined 1966 packs may reach 13,770,000 cases--up 1,814,000 from the previous year. Peaches may account for 55 percent of the total, pears 27, mixed fruits 9, and apricots 9. In general, South Africa has exported the major portion of the combined peach and apricot packs, while Australia has led the way for pears and mixed fruits.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production

Kind of fruit	Average		1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966 ^{1/}
	1952-56	1957-61							
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
<u>Apricots</u>									
Australia	884	610	576	334	918	846	443	798	663
South Africa	629	742	780	864	629	828	680	1,080	990
Total	1,513	1,352	1,356	1,198	1,547	1,674	1,123	1,878	1,653
<u>Peaches</u>									
Australia	2,042	1,840	2,045	1,675	3,259	3,339	3,333	4,330	4,565
South Africa	1,020	2,084	2,369	2,671	2,699	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,648
Total	3,062	3,924	4,414	4,346	5,958	6,872	6,772	8,613	9,213
<u>Pears</u>									
Australia	1,582	2,291	2,415	2,621	3,006	2,653	3,207	2,455	3,384
South Africa	285	550	562	769	645	914	1,318	1,126	1,351
Total	1,867	2,841	2,977	3,390	3,651	3,567	4,525	3,581	4,735
<u>Mixed fruits</u>									
Australia	151	239	201	190	441	442	616	894	1,219
South Africa	3/ 64	379	438	200	319	297	343	531	660
Total	215	618	639	390	760	739	959	1,425	1,879

1/ Estimate. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 3/ Four-year average, 1953-56; not separately classified prior to 1953.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit exports

Kind of fruit	Average		Calendar year									
	1952-56	1957-61	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966 ^{1/}			
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Apricots												
Australia	578	267	278	76	318	201	197	215	250			
South Africa	664	677	878	807	509	942	592	1,056	940			
Total	1,242	944	1,156	883	827	1,143	789	1,271	1,190			
Peaches												
Australia	1,213	938	1,100	793	1,564	1,703	1,983	2,760	3,500			
South Africa	801	1,900	2,264	2,393	2,021	3,532	3,277	3,831	4,150			
Total	2,014	2,838	3,364	3,186	3,585	5,235	5,260	6,591	7,650			
Pears												
Australia	1,171	1,774	2,016	1,871	2,242	2,122	2,236	2,022	2,400			
South Africa	176	467	422	708	512	811	1,055	1,059	1,270			
Total	1,347	2,241	2,438	2,579	2,754	2,933	3,291	3,081	3,670			
Mixed fruits												
Australia	67	107	99	121	158	201	353	573	700			
South Africa 3/	4/	4/	4/	231	215	203	294	440	560			
Total	---	---	---	352	373	404	647	1,013	1,260			

^{1/} Estimate with South Africa on a November year. ^{2/} Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. ^{3/} Year beginning November 1. ^{4/} Not available.

AUSTRALIA

The 1966 Australian canned deciduous fruit pack has been estimated at a record 9,831,000 cases--up 1,354,000 cases from the 1965 record. In general, the crop was aided by favorable growing conditions and the maturation of increased plantings. Peaches, at a second consecutive record level, comprised approximately 46 percent of the pack, while pears (also at a record level) accounted for 34 percent. Mixed fruits, which include two-fruits, fruit cocktail, and fruit salad, reached an alltime high. Apricots, however, dropped to a level somewhat above the 1960-64 average.

Cooperative canneries appear to be processing an increasing share of the pack. In 1965, they handled 80.2 percent of the crop as compared with 76 percent in 1964. The remainder was processed by independently-owned canneries.

Exports of the 1966 pack are estimated to reach a new high and total 6,850,000 cases, up 1,280,000 cases from 1965. Although the United Kingdom is still Australia's largest foreign market, increasing amounts are being marketed in other European countries--notably West Germany, Netherlands, Belgium-Luxembourg, and Scandinavian areas. Reportedly, Australia is placing added emphasis on diversification of foreign markets because of a possible entry into the Common Market by the United Kingdom. Should this happen, Australia may lose the advantage of Commonwealth Preference in her major foreign market.

Of total 1965 exports, cooperative canneries contributed 86 percent as opposed to 82 percent in 1964. The remainder was shipped by independents.

Australian canned fruit production and exports, average 1960-64, annual 1962-66

Canned Fruit	: Average : : 1960-64 :	: 1962 : : 1,000 :	: 1963 : : 1,000 :	: 1964 : : 1,000 :	: 1965 : : 1,000 :	: Estimate : 1966 : : 1,000 :
	: : cases 1/	: : cases 1/	: : cases 1/	: : cases 1/	: : cases 1/	: : cases 1/
Production:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Apricots	: 623	: 918	: 846	: 443	: 798	: 663
Mixed fruit	: 378	: 441	: 442	: 616	: 894	: 1,219
Peaches	: 2,730	: 3,259	: 3,339	: 3,333	: 4,330	: 4,565
Pears	: 2,780	: 3,006	: 2,653	: 3,207	: 2,455	: 3,384
Total deciduous	: 6,511	: 7,624	: 7,280	: 7,599	: 8,477	: 9,831
Exports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Apricots	: 214	: 318	: 201	: 197	: 215	: 250
Mixed fruit	: 186	: 158	: 201	: 353	: 573	: 700
Peaches	: 1,429	: 1,564	: 1,703	: 1,983	: 2,760	: 3,500
Pears	: 2,097	: 2,242	: 2,122	: 2,236	: 2,022	: 2,400
Total deciduous	: 3,926	: 4,282	: 4,227	: 4,769	: 5,570	: 6,850

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

The 1966 Australian canned peach pack is estimated at a record level of 4,565,000 cases, compared to 4,330,000 one year earlier. Clingstone peaches are figured at 4,471,000 cases, while freestones should account for the remaining 94,000 cases. The 1965 pack was predominantly slices (80.9 percent) with halves amounting to 18.7 percent, and other 0.4 percent.

Approximately 83 percent of the clingstone and 62 percent of the freestone peaches were packed to meet export specifications. Actual shipments may reach 3,500,000 cases or 27 percent above the 1965 record level. Of total exports, the United Kingdom is expected to take 2,200,000 cases.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1963-66

Item	1963	1964	1965	Estimate 1966
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	417	303	471	919
Production	3,339	3,333	4,330	4,565
Total	3,756	3,636	4,801	5,484
Distribution:				
Exports	1,703	1,983	2,760	3,500
Domestic consumption	1,750	1,182	1,122	1,400
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	303	471	919	584
Total	3,756	3,636	4,801	5,484

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned pear production in 1966 has been figured at an alltime high of 3,384,000 cases--up 604,000 from the 1960-64 average. Approximately 92 percent of the pear pack was passed for export, reflecting the high quality of the crop. In 1965, when production was 2,455,000 cases, about 86 percent was of export quality.

Export volume of the 1966 crop is expected to reflect the record production and total a new high of 2,400,000 cases. The United Kingdom remains Australia's most important market and may import as much as 2,100,000 cases. Reportedly, ending stocks are not expected to be large because of strong domestic and foreign demand.

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1963-66

Item	1963	1964	1965	Estimate 1966
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 .	282	253	634	396
Production	2,653	3,207	2,455	3,384
Total	2,935	3,460	3,089	3,780
Distribution:				
Exports	2,122	2,236	1,993	2,400
Domestic consumption	560	590	700	935
Ending stocks, December 31 ..	253	634	396	445
Total	2,935	3,460	3,089	3,780

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Canned apricot production in 1966 dropped 135,000 cases from the previous year and is at present estimated at 663,000 cases. In addition to some small-sized fruit, apricots in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation area suffered losses from brown rot. Of the 1966 pack, roughly 57 percent were packed to meet export specification.

Exports in 1966, however, may be higher than one year earlier because of a larger carryin. Shipments have been estimated at 250,000 cases--up 40,000 from 1965. As usual, the United Kingdom will probably take the major portion of 1966 exports, which may amount to 150,000 cases.

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1963-66

Item	1963	1964	1965	Estimate 1966
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 .	156	200	162	250
Production	846	443	798	663
Total	1,002	643	960	913
Distribution:				
Exports	201	197	210	250
Domestic consumption	601	284	500	413
Ending stocks, December 31 ..	200	162	250	250
Total	1,002	643	960	913

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australia's 1966 mixed fruit pack reached another record high for the fifth consecutive year and has been estimated to have totaled 1,219,000 cases.

Increased availability of peaches and pears are responsible for the upward trend. The largest component of the 1966 pack is two-fruits (600,000 cases), followed by fruit cocktail (516,000 cases), and fruit salad (103,000 cases). Of total mixed fruit production, roughly 82 percent was of export quality compared with 79 percent in 1965.

Exports will probably set a new record as a result of increased production, approaching the 700,000 case level. Once again, the United Kingdom is expected to be Australia's leading foreign market.

Australian mixed fruit pack composition, 1957-66

Year	Fruit cocktail	Fruit salad	Two-fruits	Total
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
1957	151	26	138	315
1958	96	34	179	309
1959	61	13	104	178
1960	47	36	118	201
1961	77	18	95	190
1962	150	39	252	441
1963	117	55	270	442
1964	197	56	363	616
1965	334	82	478	894
1966 estimate	516	103	600	1,219

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned mixed fruit^{1/} supply and distribution, 1963-66

Item	1963	1964	1965	Estimate 1966
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 .	99	140	129	210
Production	442	616	894	1,219
Total	541	756	1,023	1,429
Distribution:				
Exports	201	353	563	700
Domestic consumption	200	274	250	400
Ending stocks, December 31 ..	140	129	210	329
Total	541	756	1,023	1,429

1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures.

2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

As indicated, the four major Australian canned deciduous fruit items are predominantly of export quality, which are: fancy, choice, and standard. Choice, by far the largest category, accounted for 56.5 percent of the total pack in 1965. However, the amount packed in the domestic grade increased from 19.5 percent in 1964 to 23.7 percent in 1965.

In terms of can sizes, 66 percent of the 1965 pack was placed in 2½ size cans; 28 percent in No. 1; 5 percent in No. 10; and 1 percent in 8 oz. cans.

Australian canned fruit pack by quality,
grade, and can size, 1965

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed Fruits	Total
	Equiv.	Equiv.	Equiv.	Equiv.	Equiv.
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cases	cases	cases	cases	cases
	24/2½	24/2½	24/2½	24/2½	24/2½
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½	40	223	156	27	446
No. 2	7	92	68	11	178
8 oz.	10	---	---	---	10
No. 10	9	17	14	4	44
Total	66	332	238	42	678
Choice (export)					
No. 2½	130	1,624	884	292	2,930
No. 1	77	746	511	259	1,593
8 oz.	2	18	12	1	33
No. 10	19	59	115	37	230
Total	228	2,447	1,522	589	4,786
Standard (export)					
No. 2½	92	383	230	46	751
No. 1	31	46	97	19	193
No. 10	11	16	22	6	55
Total	134	445	349	71	999
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½	258	839	235	129	1,461
No. 1	62	197	93	58	410
8 oz.	3	3	3	---	9
No. 10	47	67	15	5	134
Total	370	1,106	346	192	2,014
Grand total.	798	4,330	2,455	894	8,477

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board

Australian packout, annual 1960-65

Grade	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fancy	4.4	6.0	6.9	4.3	7.2	8.0
Choice	63.2	59.1	56.9	56.6	61.7	56.5
Standard ..	9.2	7.2	7.0	10.9	11.6	11.8
Domestic ..	23.2	27.7	29.2	28.2	19.5	23.7

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Total Australian fruit acreage (bearing and nonbearing) continued its upward trend, in 1965 attaining a level of 191,600 acres compared with 176,300 in 1960. Victoria state, which contains approximately one-third of the total deciduous fruit acreage, has nearly 50 percent of the peach acreage and over 65 percent of the pear acreage. As a result, it is the leading Australian state for the production of canned fruit. In 1965, Victoria state accounted for 63 percent of the total pack; 54 percent of the peaches; 87 percent of the pears; 75 percent of the mixed fruit; and 26 percent of the apricots. During the same period, the other leading states were South Australia with 19 percent of the total pack and New South Wales with 16 percent.

Australian total acreage of selected fruit,
1960-61 through 1964-65

Kind of fruit	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
Bearing area					
Apples	65.9	65.9	67.9	68.9	71.0
Apricots ...	9.2	9.4	9.9	10.0	9.4
Cherries ...	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.4
Nectarines .	.9	.8	.8	.6	.8
Peaches	15.1	19.7	22.2	22.9	24.8
Pears	17.8	18.5	20.0	20.3	19.4
Plums	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.3	4.9
Prunes	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5
Pineapple ..	8.1	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.8
Total area					
Apples	86.9	87.6	91.4	92.8	94.9
Apricots ...	11.9	11.5	11.8	11.9	11.3
Cherries ...	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.6
Nectarines .	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2
Peaches	26.9	29.6	30.2	30.4	30.4
Pears	23.9	25.3	26.0	26.0	26.1
Plums	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.4
Prunes	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1
Pineapple ..	11.1	10.5	10.5	11.1	11.6

Source: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 21, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1964-65.

Australian acreage by state of selected fruit in 1964-65

Kind of fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
<u>Bearing area</u>							
Apples	13.3	16.6	9.2	4.8	11.5	15.5	70.9
Apricots	1.7	2.9	.4	3.7	.2	.4	9.3
Cherries	1.7	1.2	1/	.4	1/	1/	3.3
Nectarines ...	.4	.2	1/	.1	.1	1/	.8
<u>Peaches:</u>							
Canning	3.8	9.9					
Other	3.0	2.0	2/1.5	2/3.8	2/.7	2/ 1/	2/24.7
<u>Pears:</u>							
Canning ....	.8	7.2	2/ .5	2/1.7	2/.8	.2	2/19.3
Other	1.6	5.3				1.2	
Plums	1.4	1.2	1.2	.3	.8	.1	5.0
Prunes	2.7	.2	---	.6	1/	1/	3.5
Pineapple ....	.1	---	7.7	---	---	---	7.8
<u>Total area</u>							
Apples	19.0	22.7	13.2	6.0	15.7	18.1	94.7
Apricots	2.0	3.3	.5	4.7	.3	.5	11.3
Cherries	2.8	2.1	1/	.6	1/	1/	5.5
Nectarines ...	.4	.4	.1	.2	.1	1/	1.2
<u>Peaches:</u>							
Canning	4.3	11.7			1.0	---	30.4
Other	3.8	3.0	2/1.9	2/4.7	---	---	---
<u>Pears:</u>							
Canning	1.1	10.7	2/1.0	2/2.0	2/1.1	.3	2/26.0
Other	1.9	6.5				1.4	
Plums	1.8	1.6	1.4	.4	1.0	.1	6.3
Prunes	3.1	.3	---	.7	1/	1/	4.1
Pineapple ....	.2	---	11.4	---	---	---	11.6

1/ Less than 100 acres. 2/ Total canning and other.

Source: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 21, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1964-65.

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by state,
average 1960-64 and annual 1960-65

Kind of fruit	Queensland	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>Canned apricots</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Average:							
1960-64	27	88	345	155	2	6	623
Annual:							
1960	23	57	433	49	1	13	576
1961	27	64	96	140	4	3	334
1962	42	124	504	239	2	7	918
1963	34	144	444	217	3	4	846
1964	7	49	250	133	1	3	443
1965	26	184	205	379	1	3	798
<u>Canned peaches</u>							
Average:							
1960-64	37	662	1,465	560	6	---	2,730
Annual:							
1960	35	517	1,145	347	1	---	2,045
1961	28	342	858	444	3	---	1,675
1962	36	802	1,756	659	6	---	3,259
1963	56	790	1,881	602	10	---	3,339
1964	29	859	1,686	747	12	---	3,333
1965	32	1,008	2,319	955	16	---	4,330
<u>Canned pears</u>							
Average:							
1960-64	12	130	2,486	97	1	54	2,780
Annual:							
1960	---	98	2,155	114	---	48	2,415
1961	4	130	2,358	76	1	52	2,621
1962	13	102	2,689	131	3	68	3,006
1963	21	154	2,375	49	---	54	2,653
1964	22	164	2,854	117	---	50	3,207
1965	6	106	2,127	162	1	53	2,455
<u>Canned mixed fruit</u>							
Average:							
1960-64	28	30	239	81	---	---	378
Annual:							
1960	7	13	145	36	---	---	201
1961	10	8	127	45	---	---	190
1962	64	41	268	68	---	---	441
1963	29	42	294	77	---	---	442
1964	30	45	361	180	---	---	616
1965	39	38	668	149	---	---	894
<u>Total deciduous fruit</u>							
Average:							
1960-64	104	909	4,536	894	9	60	6,512
Annual:							
1960	65	685	3,878	546	2	61	5,237
1961	69	544	3,439	705	8	55	4,820
1962	155	1,069	5,217	1,097	11	75	7,624
1963	140	1,130	4,994	945	13	58	7,280
1964	88	1,117	5,151	1,177	13	53	7,599
1965	103	1,336	5,319	1,645	18	56	8,477

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Source: Thirty-Ninth Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, Melbourne, April 1966.

Australian minimum grower prices for selected commodities were higher in 1966 than during the previous year. The biggest increase was noted for apricots, which increased \$4 per short ton, while clingstone peaches and Bartlett pears were up by \$3. Freestone peaches and other pears (Packham's Triumph) remained at the 1965 level. Cannerys must purchase their fruit at not less than the minimum prices if they wish to qualify for the sugar rebates paid by the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices
per short ton ^{1/} for first-quality fruit,
average 1960-64 and 1961-66 seasons

Fruit	:Average: :1960-64:	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
	: U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.
	: <u>dol.</u>	<u>dol.</u>	<u>dol.</u>	<u>dol.</u>	<u>dol.</u>	<u>dol.</u>	<u>dol.</u>
Apricots	: 79	76	86	86	86	96	100
Peaches:	:						
Cling, clear center. :	85	88	88	88	82	94	97
Cling, other	: 81	84	84	84	78	90	93
Freestone	: 58	60	60	60	56	68	68
Pears:	:						
Bartlett	: 82	84	84	84	84	92	95
Packham's Triumph .. :	66	68	68	68	64	72	72

^{1/} Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.

Source: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Australian 1966 opening minimum prices (c.i.f., U.K. port) were in every case higher than the previous year, and for the first time, fruit salad quotations were published. Increases for choice grade fruit per dozen No. 2¹/₂ were as follows: fruit cocktail 25¢; apricots and pears 7¢; clings and two-fruit 4¢; and freestones 3¢.

Exports of the total 1965 canned fruit pack were the highest on record, reaching a level of 5,570,000 cases, as compared with the 1959-63 average of 3,596,000. Peaches showed the sharpest gains, followed by mixed fruit and apricots. The only loss noted involved pears. The United Kingdom is by far the most important foreign market for Australian canned fruit and is followed by Canada. However, peach exports to other countries are increasing in importance. Figures from another source (Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics) indicate that most of the increase between the 1964 and 1965 peach exports occurred for shipments to West Germany. According to this source, peach exports to Germany rose from 14,000 to 556,000 cases respectively, while the Netherlands increased from 4,000 to 70,000 cases. Other important gains were noted for Denmark, Mainland China, and Sweden.

Australian canned fruit minimum opening export prices
to the United Kingdom (c.i.f. U.K. port), 1961-66

Fruit and pack style	Price per dozen 2½'s		
	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	<u>U.S. dollars</u>	<u>U.S. dollars</u>	<u>U.S. dollars</u>
Apricots:			
Halves			
1961	3.50	3.29	3.15
1962	3.50	3.29	3.15
1963	3.29	3.08	2.94
1964	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.50	3.29	3.15
Peaches:			
Clingstones			
Halves and slices			
1961	3.50	3.29	3.15
1962	3.36	3.15	3.01
1963	3.22	3.01	2.87
1964	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
Freestones			
Halves and slices			
1961	3.26	3.04	2.90
1962	3.12	2.90	2.76
1963	3.01	2.80	2.66
1964	3.08	2.87	2.73
1965	3.08	2.87	2.73
1966	3.12	2.90	2.76
Pears (Bartletts):			
Halves and quarters			
1961	3.71	3.50	3.36
1962	3.57	3.36	3.22
1963	3.50	3.29	3.15
1964	3.57	3.36	3.22
1965	3.57	3.36	3.22
1966	3.64	3.43	3.29
Fruit cocktail:			
1961	4.06	3.85	3.71
1962	3.92	3.71	3.57
1963	3.78	3.57	3.43
1964	4.06	3.85	3.71
1965	3.92	3.71	3.57
1966	4.16	3.96	3.82
Two-fruit:			
1961	3.50	3.29	3.15
1962	3.36	3.15	3.01
1963	3.22	3.01	2.87
1964	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
Fruit salad:			
1965	--	--	--
1966	4.69	4.48	4.34

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned fruit exports by country of destination,
average 1960-64 and annual 1960-65

Canned fruit type and destination	Average : 1960-64 :	1960 :	1961 :	1962 :	1963 :	1964 :	1965 :
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
<u>Apricots</u>							
Canada	22	9	1	27	25	49	43
New Zealand	1	2	---	1	---	---	---
United Kingdom	174	248	67	275	156	126	126
Other	17	19	8	15	20	22	46
Total	214	278	76	318	201	197	215
<u>Peaches</u>							
Canada	59	7	7	16	70	195	234
New Zealand	2	8	3	---	---	---	---
United Kingdom	1,299	1,051	759	1,505	1,537	1,639	1,613
Other	69	34	24	43	96	149	913
Total	1,429	1,100	793	1,564	1,703	1,983	2,760
<u>Pears</u>							
Canada	47	5	15	28	55	135	168
New Zealand	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
United Kingdom	1,989	1,980	1,828	2,149	1,999	1,989	1,616
Other	61	31	28	65	68	112	238
Total	2,097	2,016	1,871	2,242	2,122	2,236	2,022
<u>Mixed fruit 2/</u>							
Canada	5	---	---	3	6	18	45
New Zealand	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
United Kingdom	162	93	116	140	170	289	386
Other	19	5	5	15	25	46	142
Total	186	99	121	158	201	353	573
Total canned deciduous fruit	3,926	3,493	2,861	4,282	4,227	4,769	5,570

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Composite fruit packs of canned fruit cocktail, canned fruit salad (other than tropical fruit salad) and canned two-fruit.

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa's 1966 production of the major canned deciduous fruit items has been estimated at a record 7,649,000 cases as compared with 7,020,000 during the previous year. Peaches constituted the major item and accounted for over 60 percent of the total pack and also for most of the current increase. With the exception of apricots, all items reached new record levels. Exports are expected to reflect the larger pack and reach approximately 6,360,000 cases--up 713,000 from the 1965 figure. Increases are forecast for peaches and pears, while a drop in apricot exports is anticipated because of the smaller pack.

South African canned fruit production and exports

Canned fruit	Average 1960-64 ^{1/}	1963	1964	1965	1966 ^{2/}
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 3/</u>	<u>cases 3/</u>	<u>cases 3/</u>	<u>cases 3/</u>	<u>cases 3/</u>
Production:					
Apricots	756	828	680	1,080	990
Peaches	2,942	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,648
Pears	842	914	1,318	1,126	1,351
Fruit salad	319	297	343	531	660
Exports:					
Apricots	745	822	608	1,031	940
Peaches	2,697	3,182	3,192	3,570	4,150
Pears	692	752	961	1,046	1,270

^{1/} Calendar year exports. ^{2/} Estimate. ^{3/} 24/2½ cans.

A second consecutive record peach pack is estimated for 1966 with production reaching 4,648,000 cases. Almost the entire pack is composed of clingstones, with Kakamas the predominant variety. Reportedly, the demand for freestone peaches has been declining. Exports of the 1966 pack are forecast at an alltime high of 4,150,000 cases--up 580,000 from the revised 1965 record figure. The United Kingdom is South Africa's leading foreign market, having taken 91 percent of the 1965 peach shipments.

South African canned peach supply and distribution

Item	1963	1964	Revised 1965	Estimate 1966
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Carry-over, November 1 ...	2/	2/	2/	2/
Production	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,648
Total supply	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,648
Distribution:				
Exports (Total)	3,182	3,192	3,570	4,150
To United Kingdom	2,895	2,826	3,248	2/
To others	287	366	322	2/
Domestic disappearance ...	351	247	713	498
Carry-over, October 31 ...	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total distribution	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,648

^{1/} 24/2½ cans. ^{2/} Not available.

South Africa's 1966 pear pack has been estimated at a record level of 1,351,000 cases--up 225,000 from the reduced 1965 output. Exports may reach a level of 1,270,000 cases--another alltime high. As usual, the United Kingdom is expected to be the largest foreign market. Of the 1965 pack exports, that country took 974,000 cases, or 93 percent of the total.

South African canned pear supply and distribution

Item	: 1963	: 1964	: Revised : : 1965	: Estimate : 1966
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Carry-over, November 1 ...	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>
Production	: 914	: 1,318	: 1,126	: 1,351
Total supply	: 914	: 1,318	: 1,126	: 1,351
Distribution:				
Exports (Total)	: 752	: 961	: 1,046	: 1,270
To United Kingdom	: 636	: 922	: 974	: <u>2/</u>
To others	: 116	: 39	: 72	: <u>2/</u>
Domestic disappearance ...	: 162	: 357	: 80	: 81
Carry-over, October 31 ...	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>
Total distribution	: 914	: 1,318	: 1,126	: 1,351

1/ 24/2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

Apricot production in 1966 has been estimated at 990,000 cases--down from the 1965 record of 1,080,000. While below the previous year's production, the 1966 pack is still above the 1960-64 average of 756,000. Because of the reduced output, current exports are forecast to drop to 940,000 cases as compared with 1,031,000 in 1965. The United Kingdom will probably continue to be the major market; however, other foreign countries are of increasing importance. Of the 1965 exports, they received 45 percent, or 467,000 cases.

South African canned apricot supply and distribution

Item	: 1963	: 1964	: Revised : : 1965	: Estimate : 1966
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Carry-over, November 1 ...	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>
Production	: 828	: 680	: 1,080	: 990
Total supply	: 828	: 680	: 1,080	: 990
Distribution:				
Exports (Total)	: 822	: 608	: 1,031	: 940
To United Kingdom	: 688	: 481	: 564	: <u>2/</u>
To others	: 134	: 127	: 467	: <u>2/</u>
Domestic disappearance ...	: 6	: 72	: 49	: 50
Carry-over, October 31 ...	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>	: <u>2/</u>
Total distribution	: 828	: 680	: 1,080	: 990

1/ 24/2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

South Africa's 1966 fruit salad production has been estimated at a record 660,000 cases--more than double the 1960-64 average. If the upward trend in peach, pear, and apricot production continues, it is expected that the fruit salad pack will also continue to increase. Exports of the 1966 pack are forecast to follow the production trend and total 560,000 cases as compared with 440,000 during 1965. Again, the United Kingdom has been the most important foreign outlet and is figured to remain so for the 1966 pack.

South African canned fruit salad supply and distribution

Item	1963	1964	Revised 1965	Estimate 1966
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Carry-over, November 1 ...	2/	2/	2/	2/
Production	297	343	531	660
Total supply	297	343	531	660
Distribution:				
Exports (Total)	203	294	440	560
To United Kingdom	176	255	379	2/
To others	27	39	61	2/
Domestic disappearance ...	94	49	91	100
Carry-over, October 31 ...	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total distribution	297	343	531	660

1/ 24/2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

Note: Fruit salad includes fruit cocktail but is not reported separately.

Purchases of fresh deciduous fruit by members of the South African Cannery Association totaled a new high of 174,000 short tons. These purchases, which are used for canning, have been trending upward for the last several years and are reflected in the larger canned fruit pack statistics. During 1966, peaches accounted for 59 percent of the total purchases, pears 22 percent, and apricots 13 percent.

South African fresh deciduous fruit purchases by members
of the South African Cannery Association 1/

Kind	1963	1964	1965	Estimate 1966
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
Apples	7,894	6,303	4,782	4,800
Pears	22,545	34,011	31,004	38,000
Apricots	25,701	18,584	26,085	22,000
Peaches	78,733	77,141	96,518	103,000
Plums	756	1,219	798	800
Grapes	778	846	1,487	2,000
Other	1,980	3,379	3,716	3,400
Total	138,387	141,483	164,390	174,000

1/ Years beginning November 1, 1963 through 1966.

Average producer prices for 1965 canning fruit showed increases for peaches and pears (other than Bon Chretien). Clingstone prices went from \$64.26 per short ton in 1964 to \$76.66 in 1965, while freestone prices increased slightly, from \$34.25 to \$34.85. During the same period, Bon Chretien pears dropped by \$1.57 per ton, but prices of other pears increased by \$5.59 per ton respectively. Apricot prices were \$58.54 in 1965, or a drop of \$8.22 per ton from the previous year.

South African average producer prices
for fresh deciduous fruits for processing

Kind	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton
Apricots	54.22	64.68	77.37	88.97	66.76	58.54
Apples	---	---	33.48	37.90	31.88	<u>1/</u>
Grapes	---	---	53.45	45.63	51.47	<u>1/</u>
Peaches:						
Freestone	32.18	39.93	47.35	41.08	34.25	34.85
Clingstone ...	65.05	80.97	89.29	69.44	64.26	76.66
Pears:						
Bon Chretien .	83.42	74.14	75.18	76.12	72.66	71.09
Others	43.46	60.19	56.71	52.14	41.80	47.39
Plums:						
Santa Rosa ...	---	---	42.34	43.56	41.34	<u>1/</u>
Satsuma	---	---	55.56	55.63	53.27	<u>1/</u>
Others	---	---	48.56	47.84	41.31	<u>1/</u>

1/ No quotation available.

The 1966 minimum opening prices per dozen were substantially higher than those prevailing one year earlier. Increases for choice grades were as follows: apricots 14¢; Clingstone halves 11¢; freestone halves and slices 10¢; Bon Chretien pear halves 7¢; Bon Chretien quarters and slices 11¢; fruit salad 7¢; and fruit cocktail 25¢. These prices, which are set by the South African Cannery Association, apply to the vast majority of South African fruit canners who have entered into an agreement at the beginning of each season.

South African canned fruit minimum opening selling
prices c.i.f. (U.K. ports) 1965-66

Fruit and pack style	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	Dol. per dz. 2½'s	Dol. per dz. 2½'s	Dol. per dz. 2½'s
Apricots:			
1965	3.01	2.80	2.66
1966	3.15	2.94	2.80
Peaches:			
Clingstone halves and slices 1/			
1965	3.15	3.01	2.80
1966	3.26	3.12	2.98
Freestone halves and slices			
1965	--	2.66	2.52
1966	--	2.76	2.62
Pears:			
Bon Chretien halves			
1965	3.36	3.22	3.08
1966	3.43	3.29	3.15
Bon Chretien quarters and slices			
1965	3.29	3.15	3.01
1966	3.40	3.26	3.12
Fruit salad:			
1965	4.34	4.20	4.06
1966	4.41	4.27	4.13
Fruit cocktail:			
1965	3.78	3.57	3.43
1966	4.02	3.82	3.68

1/ 1965 prices for slices were: Fancy \$3.22, Choice \$3.08, Standard \$2.94.

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